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Improvements Under Way To Mark New Era At M. B. A.

During the past summer months a project started last spring—although it is still incomplete—has gone far towards improving the grounds of Montgomery Bell. The work, supervised by Mr. R. C. Mathews, has already made several important improvements and is still making more.

For example, the yard in the rear of the Administration Building, which on rainy days was turned into a large puddle of mud, is now an attractive terrace, not only ridding students of the mud but also improving the appearance of the school.

The gymnasium has undergone a complete change. The old upstairs storeroom is now a locker room, complete with showers, large enough to more than relieve the crowded conditions of the old one. The basketball floor, marred by the feet of many a gym class, has been sanded and repainted. The gym also has been completely covered with new roofing.

The roads leading to the school have also been repaired. A new bridge has replaced the old one on the main road and the road leading to the rear of the school has been resurfaced.

A new stadium is being planned for the football field, temporary stands now being used to accommodate large crowds. A special type of green bulb, designed to remove shadows, is now used in the floodlights surrounding the field and in the gymnasium.

A walkway is being planned to lead from the main building to the road and from there to the street for those students who ride the bus to and from school. A special gate has already been built into the wall at the bus stop.

Those cold mornings of other years are going to be a memory now. The heating system, inferior until now, is undergoing a complete overhauling. The Board of Trustees, who are the sponsors of the project, haven't overlooked anything.

There are many more plans under consideration, but some will have to wait for the duration.

Season Tickets Given To Grade Schoolers

To those boys in the seventh and eighth grades of any grade school in the area surrounding Nashville who are passing their work, Coach Allen is presenting a season ticket good for all games on the MBA field.

Many of the tickets have already been presented and have been received in an enthusiastic manner. These tickets are planned as an incentive to boys to pass their work in school. It is an effort to raise the scholastic average of boys in schools around Nashville. This offer does not apply to students of Montgomery Bell.

Mrs. Allen Plans For Well Balanced Meals This Year

Mrs. Allen, who was the dietitian and head of the lunchroom last year, is back again this year. With the help of Mamie and Lucille, she is doing an excellent job of planning and cooking the meals. There are also five students who help in the lunchroom. They are Buddy Hewitt, Pete Robinson, Jimmy Atkinson, Joe Washington, and Jack Whitaker.

Everyone has plenty of time to eat and still has time to spare. There are two shifts for lunch. The Freshmen and Sophomores have from 12:45 to 1:15 in which to eat, and the Juniors and Seniors have from 1:15 to 1:45.

M.B.A. Auxiliary Starts Activities With Banquet

The annual dinner given by the Women's Auxiliary of M. B. A. will again be held in the school cafeteria. The proceeds will be used to pay for the annual senior banquet, the Junior-Senior Prom, and to repair the tennis courts for use the year around. If the dinner is successful, the proceeds should be more than enough to cover the cost of the activities, since the proceeds of last year's dinner were not only enough to cover the cost of redecorating the lunch room, repainting the honor room, and planting shrubs around the school, but also to buy many new books for the library.

The object of the Auxiliary is to cooperate with the board of trustees in improving the school and its grounds. The Auxiliary is composed of the mothers of the students of M. B. A., and it meets each month at the school. The officers of the Auxiliary this year are Mrs. John Donnelly, president; Mrs. John Hooker, vice-president; Mrs. Sam Davis Bell, secretary; and Mrs. Alden Smith, treasurer.

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to Corporal John Bitzer, thought now to be located in Hawaii. When we returned to school this fall we found that our English teacher, the former Miss Mary Helen Simpson, must hereafter be known as Mrs. Bitzer, having deserted the ranks of the single blessed.

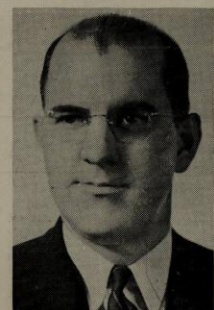
Miss Simpson and Corporal Bitzer were married the past summer at the home of the bride, 2414 Kirkland Place.

Our best wishes to the new bride and all the luck in the world to the happy couple.

Two second lieutenants were engaged in deep conversation one evening, when a little dog, nearsighted perhaps, mistook one of them for a spreading oak. The lieutenant looked down in amazement. "How in heck did that dog know that I was a second lieutenant," he cried.

Mr. Herrbach, New Professor of French at M. B. A. Has Colorful Background Involving Many Travels

Gerard V. Herrbach was born in 1905 at St. Martin, a village in a peaceful valley isolated from the world by the steep wooded slopes



MR. SAGER, Headmaster, Successful In Past

Richard Lee Sager, whom we of the student body know simply as Mr. Sager, did not come to us without an exceedingly meritorious background.

He was the second honor graduate at Petersburg High School in Virginia, where he spent his boyhood. His position before going to McCallie School for Boys of Chattanooga in the fall of 1924, included being Valedictorian at Hampden-Sidney College and principal for one year at Darlington College and his M.A. at Peabody College of Nashville, Tenn.

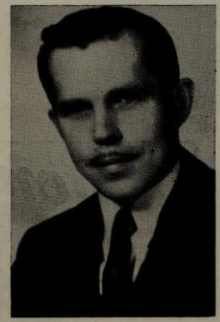
At McCallie he became head of the mathematics department and chairman of the Scholarship Committee. He served for a time as head of the dormitory and master in charge of the dining hall.

Mr. Sager was also head of the summer school, which had an enrollment of 160 students.

His accomplishments did not stop at scholastic deeds, however, as he was coach of the varsity basketball team, having played three years while in college.

Further achievements included his membership in various educational fraternities.

He refers to his wife, the former Miss Julia Hartung of Bridge Port, Ala., as his "boss." Mrs. Sager received her B. A. at the University of Chattanooga. The Sagers have two children, Nancy Aged 8, and Dick, who is 5 years old.



MR. HERRBACH

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Maroons Prepare For Duncan After Knox Game Washed Out

M.B.A. Board of Trustees Prominent in Our Success

We the students of Montgomery Bell Academy greatly appreciate the fine work that our board of trustees has carried on for a number of years in behalf of the school. Some of the Mid-South's most prominent men are on this board. The members are usually alumni of M. B. A. or the fathers of present M. B. A. students.

Mr. Brownlee O. Currey, who is acting chairman of the board at the present time is an alumnus of the school and his son is a student. Mr. Currey is a prominent investment banker in Nashville. He is doing a magnificent job as chairman of the board.

The vice chairman is Mr. Henry D. Jamison, whose son is also a student at M. B. A. Mr. Jamison is the president of the Jamison Mattress Co. and takes part in many other activities around Nashville.

Mr. Sydney Keeble and Mr. John Ferguson are secretary and treasurer, respectively. Mr. Keeble is a prominent Nashville lawyer and Mr. Ferguson is a vice-president of the American National Bank.

The improvements made by the Board are numerous and are greatly to the advantage of the school.

The Board of Trustees at Montgomery Bell Academy has been without a doubt one of the main factors in making the school what it is today.

The sergeant strode into the squad room. "All right, you lazy apes, fall out!" he exclaimed.

The soldiers grabbed their hats and swarmed out—all but one, who continued to lie on his bunk blowing smoke rings.

"Well," remarked the sarge, "there were a lot of them, weren't there?"

The members of the M. B. A. Varsity team were present at the professional clash between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Green Bay Packers at Dudley Stadium on October 14.

Motion Picture Projector Delayed by Priority Rule

Last year around the closing days of school Coach Allen told the student body that he was going to get a moving picture projector for the school, and that we would have to chip in some money, as it was going to cost a considerable sum to purchase the machine. Almost everybody chipped in and Coach called Burk and Co. to see about getting it.

Now a sound on film projector isn't an easy thing to get these days. However, one was located in some far off city that could be gotten on priority order. Since the projector was for a school, the order was obtained and the request was sent in last June. It is still on order and Burk and Co. tells us that it should be very shortly. It shouldn't be many days before M. B. A. has its own projector.

The school hasn't been entirely without motion picture entertainment, however, as several football films have been shown during gym class with a borrowed machine.

After having their important game with Knoxville Central High School cancelled due to impossible weather conditions, the Maroons of M.B.A. will start preparations today for their annual homecoming game with the Duncan Longhorns Friday night.

Rated as the first and second Litrated elevens in Tennessee, the Knoxville Central and M.B.A. game had attracted state-wide attention. The teams were dressed for their important tilt last Friday on the Central field in Knoxville when the rival coaches mutually consented to cancellation of the game due to a flooded field which made playing impossible. A drenching rain which had fallen for hours caused the game time so flooded the field that play was impossible. Due to the fact that Coach Allen had purchased tickets for the Packers-Eagle professional game Saturday and the team had made all plans to return to Nashville Saturday it was not possible to play the postponed game Saturday night, so the game was just unconditionally cancelled.

The cancellation of this important game may make it impossible for a fair comparison to be made between Middle and East Tennessee teams since no other teams of this section are known to be scheduled to play an East Tennessee club this year.

The Big Red will be strong favorites to cop the homecoming game Friday night due to its more impressive record so far this year. However, in any homecoming game and especially one with so long a history as the M.B.A.-Duncan tilt, odds mean very little. These two private schools have always been great rivals and when they square off Friday night anything may happen.

One of the biggest crowds of the season is expected to pour into the

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New Addition of Piano, Songbooks Reveals Talent

This year M. B. A. is very fortunate to have a new piano among the many new additions. The new piano, which is of the finest quality, has been very useful in the early morning chapels. It also gets a good workout before school every morning by the beginner pianists. We are very lucky to have Miss Thompson to play the new piano for us in chapel every morning.

Another addition which Mr. Sager has put in is the early morning singing to pep up the boys. He has given each of the boys a song book. They are very nice books and they contain all the old favorites, such as "The Little Brown Church," "Onward Christian Soldiers," and all the Christmas Carols, and many others.

The boys are still a little shy about singing, but I think Mr. Sager is determined to make a good group of singers out of us. It is already quite evident that the Microbes are by far the best singers, and they can make more racket than the whole high school student body.

I personally think that these two new additions to the school will help the students very much.

REV. WOODWARD ADAMS VISITS M. B. A.

The students of M. B. A. were honored by a visit from Rev. Woodward Adams, minister of Hobson Methodist Church, at a special assembly Thursday, October 5. Mr. Adams gave a very interesting talk concerning past, present, and future time.

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WE MAKE OUR BOW

Today we are presenting to the students and patrons of Montgomery Bell Academy a newspaper which is dressed up in a different style to those of former years.

It is our hope this year to be able to get out our issue exactly on the date that it is scheduled and to have in the paper such news as will be of real interest to the students. In addition to news we expect to have certain regular features for which you will anxiously await each issue. We hope to have a reasonable number of cuts in each issue and to have an original cartoon drawn by one of our own students.

The thing we want each member of the student body to realize is that any school paper is yours and the success or failure of it will depend upon the cooperation of the entire school. Yes, we have an elected staff that will write most of the copy but any student in school should stand ready to give material to the staff or to give them leads for stories that should be included in the paper. Then, too, we want any student in school to feel free to write anything he feels may be of interest to the school and turn it in for consideration. Later we hope to have a box located somewhere in the school into which contributions may be dropped by any student or faculty member.

This year, for the first time to our knowledge, we hope to enter copies of our paper in Press Association competition. Considering this fact, we will attempt in every issue to have good stories and good features well printed and worth consideration when the awards are given out.

Our circulation manager is going to work out exchanges with other school papers so that the staff and other interested students can see the papers of other schools and that they may have an opportunity to see what we are doing at Montgomery Bell Academy.

So here it is, students, the first issue of our rejuvenated monthly newspaper. We hope you enjoy it and that you will look forward to its appearance regularly. If you don't like it, tell us and we will endeavor to give you just what you want. The paper is yours, so let's make it such a paper as you will gladly show your friends and one which is truly representative of our school.

ON THE SUBJECT OF SCHOOL SPIRIT

Anyone who plays football knows that there is a certain something that drives an athlete and his team on when everything else is gone.

This certain something was displayed by our football team on our field two weeks ago. Man for man our team did not compare to West in size or power. But in addition to speed and coordination, the team had that certain something which is spirit when they played West High.

Spirit is no good if it is not representative of all the boys on a team. Each boy with a spark in his heart can make a far bigger flame than several boys with a fire. It is a wonderful thing to see a team clicking, with every boy pulling for every other boy so that they all pull together. In this respect that West football game was a wonderful thing.

But team spirit is not enough. School spirit is also needed if a team is to really go. And here is where M. B. A. falls down. We don't have school spirit. We have a few fires burning here and there but there is no spark in every boy's heart, and without that spark there will be no school spirit. This is our problem.

Perhaps the answer lies in the school itself. But this is not so. I know of no boys at M.B.A. who are made to come to this school. We come because we want to come, because we think this school to be the best school. No, the answer does not lie in the school itself.

Perhaps, then, it lies in the small number of students. This again is not so. In the past with far fewer students M.B.A. has stood as a shining example of school spirit. Many alumni recall the time that the school was invaded so to speak by one of our rivals. These rivals met the M.B.A. boys guarding the school with shotguns. And it wasn't only the students, but the faculty too who stood up for the school in this crisis.

The answer to the problem lies in every boy. Why can't we make that same spirit prevail today? We are few but we could make a whale of a flame if we all pulled together. That football team needs our support; they represent the school. So let's get that spark glowing and when our team takes the field against Duncan next week let's have it red hot!



Class News

Grade School

The grade school department got under way this year with the getting of the first day's assignments. Yes, it is school time for all the big and small, new and old fellows in the grade school department.

The teachers for this year's first form are Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Dixon. The second form's teachers for this year are Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Peery, and last but not least, Mrs. Warren. Mrs. Dixon is teaching geography, history, science, literature, and spelling to the first form. Mrs. Warren teaches English grammar and arithmetic to the first and second form. Mrs. Peery teaches Latin to the second form. Howard Allen coaches all the physical education to the first and second form. One of the new rules put in this year by Mr. Sager is going to Assembly each morning for devotional services.

Freshman Class

Not long ago, just a week or so after school started, Thomas Peters Kennedy III, riding a yellow pudle jumper, attempted to run down and cut in half a Packard owned by one Mr. Gilbert. The result was that Thomas Kennedy III missed school that day and had shaky knees a few days after.

Manning Kirby, our beloved and esteemed freshman sports reporter, was seen in the press box on the day of the Woodmont-Microbe game, having hysterics and saying he would give a dollar to the first person to throw a pass, as he would write them up in the paper.

Sophomore Class

The school year started with a bang this year, Bobby Akers furnishing the T. N. T. and Kirk Turner the match.

Bobby Bainbridge is seemingly playing the part of a second Ish-K-Bibble.

If 'Lily' Templeton comes up to your side during lunch hour and proceeds to recite, just ignore him.

A few of the more ambitious sophomores have become piano tuners. The student body was given a practical demonstration of their talents in Chapel the other morning.

Caveman Goodloe is back again, club and all. Better watch out, Tommy, there's quite a few tough boys over here this year.

Neil (Nick Gools) Lanius is a preacher's son. Could you believe it?

Don't call Walter (the handsome one) Keith. 'Tynne.' He prefers 'Handsome' or 'Good Looking.'

Russell (Strong Man) Campbell is said to be too smart for the Quiz Kids.

Junior Class

Flash! Big husky 150-Lb. Bob Lowe got his semi-annual hair cut the other day. Of course, now that he has gotten sheared, he weighs 100 Lbs. Bob has been shaving ever since he was three years old and he cut himself both times.

If anybody wants to hear a good pianist, get Joe Washington to play for you. He is very good at playing 'Old Man River.' In fact, I believe that is all he knows.

Joe Martin had better start studying harder. He only made 99 on a test the other day, instead of his usual 100. Let's start working, Joe.

The Juniors will have to start gauging Billy Forgyson. If he doesn't stop beating up Herbert Fox during lunch period.

Jimmy Swain, a newcomer to M. B. A. this year, just found out the other day that it was illegal, according to rule 387, section 3, paragraph 485, line 9 to sleep in class. He now has the new improved edition of 'Rules in Every-day School Life' by Mr. Sager.

Bill Squier is setting a new-time record for detention. At the rate he is going now he will be ahead of Bob Cooney, whose last year's record has been considered among some circles as tops.

Nardy Elam, better known as piano legs, is the one boy at M. B. A. who can scratch his nose with his big toe without bending his knees.

Senior Class

If any one is interested in hill-billy music, call on Joe Talbot and Nelson Andrews. Joe plays an occorino and Nelson sings. The boys are very good.

What time it is may be seen by consulting Tom Proctor. Tom spends hours each day finding new ways to look at his watch.

James Currey has become very adept at drawing cartoons. Some of his work may be seen around the school.

Alfred Adams is doing a very excellent job of checking who is absent from class each day.

Student Council
Elected For Year

The various classes of the school met Monday morning to elect representatives to the Student Council. This governing body consists of four members from the Senior class, three from the Junior class, two from the Sophomores and one each from the Freshmen and the combined First and Second Form. The group works in cooperation with the headmaster and faculty in handling certain school problems. The following representatives were elected:

Senior class: Alfred Adams, Nelson Andrews, Charles Robinson and Buddy Hewitt.

Junior class: Joe Martin, Vaden Lackey and Jack Whiteacre.

Sophomore class: John Donnel and Tommy McEwen.

Freshman class: Bill Bailey.

First and Second Form: Jimmy Patterson.

Hoots From
The Owls' Nest

Believing that a school paper is not at its best when it is above printing assorted choice tidbits of scandal and gossip about the faculty and the students alike, Yours Truly has taken upon himself the thankless job of being the "Uninvited" listener to quite a few conversations. I have come up with some rather surprising and, I might add, interesting results.

For instance, Messrs. Rule, Younger, Sager, Allen, and Hackman, all old married men, were seen and heard avidly and avidly gossiping about a few well-known remarks which Monsieur Herrbach dropped about the social life in pre-war Paris. "Booby" Hackman said, and you can quote me on this, that he could mix up a "brew" in the lab just as effective as any "hard likker" ever distilled, including that about which Mr. Herrbach was talking. This, of course, excludes the famous "Kickapoo Joy Juice" that the Reverend Younger makes in his own little white bathtub every year along about Christmas time.

There is certainly a large group in the library every time I go by. Could it be that the attractive librarian is sharing honors with *Popular Mechanics*?

The football team sure was glad to go to Knoxville a whole day before the game—especially Whitson. Could he have a "personal friend" there, do you think?

What's this we've been hearing about Sammy Bell sitting on a side porch with Betty Nelson last Friday night? It seems that there was a dance, but they were too occupied with more important business to dance. We wonder what that important business was. Sammy, we thought Mrs. Warren taught you Microbes how not to sit on side porches with pretty girls at night.

And I Quote:

Two little negro boys were talking, and one said to the other: "How old is you?" "Ah's five, how old is you?" "Ah don't know." "You don't know how old you is?" "Nope." "Does women botha you?" "Nope." "Youse fo." —Hilltop Hi-Lite.

Thirty-four thousand one hundred twenty pounds of scrap were collected by students of Miami Edison High (Miami, Fla.) in a recent county-wide scrap drive. Army trucks and individual firms helped in transporting the vitally needed material. The school was paid \$5.00 a ton for the scrap.

Customer: "A soda without any flavor, please." Soda Clerk: "Without what kind of flavor?" Customer: "Without chocolate." Soda Clerk: "Sorry, we are all out of chocolate; you will have to have it without vanilla." —The Roman.

Minister: "And in closing, brethren, let us pray. I will ask Deacon Brown to lead." Deacon Brown (waking from a nap): "Taint my lead. I deat!"

Students of E. C. Glass High (Lynchburg, Va.) were recently highly successful in collecting three hundred thousand pounds of paper. The money received for the paper was to purchase equipment for the athletic field.

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"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

by Ernest Mathews

Physical Fitness Stressed

Most boys on the campus today are engaging in some kind of after-school sports activity. Coach Allen made a survey and found that 47% of the men called for induction into the armed forces were "physically unfit." He put the sports question before the student body and they complied wholeheartedly.

Football

Of the 200 students at M. B. A., about eighty-five are engaged in football on one of the three teams. The Microbe squad, under George Payne, a graduate of last year, consists of forty boys who are chiefly from the grade department. Mr. Hackman's charges, the Junior Varsity, or Cooties, as they are called, number twenty-five. Coach Allen has twenty-two on the Varsity squad.

Soccer

Mr. Herrbach directs the after-school soccer games. This rough but gentlemanly sport is rapidly catching the eye of some of the boys. About fifteen boys per afternoon take part in these games, but twenty-two are needed to complete two teams. You fellows who aren't busy in the afternoons, come on out and have lots of fun.

Tennis

Mr. Rule is introducing a new thing to M. B. A. tennis players. This is "fall practice." He's been giving the twenty boys who are out for the team some fundamental instructions. Billy Ferguson, Dan Denny, Royal McCollough, Brownlee Curry, Kermit Stengel and Clay Bailey are the returning lettermen of last year's net team.

Golf

M. B. A. will be well represented on the fairways this spring. "Pete" Robinson, Buddy Hewitt, Edward McManus, and Bobby Waller, all of whom were on the "tee team" of '43-'44, are returning. Coach Rule is trying to obtain one of the local golf courses on which these boys can practice this fall and even through the winter, if the weather permits.

Determination and "Guts"

In 1937 M. B. A., led by Bennie Gentry, scored a 13-12 victory over Central High School. There's a story to this game, a story of determination and "guts." Gentry had sprained his ankle and between halves Coach Allen had ordered him not to run the ball. When the game was resumed, Gentry took the kickoff and returned it to the 40-yard line. They had to pick him up and carry him into the huddle. The next play he gained 15 yards. Again they had to carry him into the huddle. Then, being unable to run, he threw a pass to Bill Davidson for the touchdown. Bennie Gentry, who was killed in action in 1942, will live as one of the all-time football "greats" of M. B. A.

MAROONS PREPARE

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M.B.A. stadium Friday night to witness this tilt. A holiday has been proclaimed on the local campus Friday as interest possibly will be at fever heat hours before game time.

Many alumni are expected to attend the annual Alumni Dinner which will be served at the school Friday evening and then to be out in the stands whooping it up for the Big Red when the game starts at 8 o'clock.

The layoff of another week may prove a blessing to some of the ailing members of the Maroon eleven. Buddy Hewitt's knee should be in much better condition and Nelson Andrews' mending leg is expected to be nearer condition for the tough going.

Coach Allen will bring the club along at a rapid pace this week and can be depended upon to have them in just the right condition for this important tilt Friday night.

As a preliminary to the Duncan game the M.B.A. Microbes will play Palmer School. The game will start at seven o'clock.

SPORTS

THE BELL RINGER

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M.B.A. Microbes, Cooties Undeclared in 4 Starts

The big team at M. B. A. is not the only team that has gone undeclared. Both of our other teams, the Cooties under the direction of Mr. Hackman and the Microbes under George Payne's guidance have yet to be beaten.

The Microbes, which boasts a small but fast team, has played Woodmont and Waverly-Belmont. The Woodmont victory was decided by a 40-yard touchdown gallop by Bobby Chickey in the second quarter. Chickey also went over for the extra points, making the score 7 to 0. The Waverly-Belmont boys were scored upon by Cargile and Bearden. Their touchdowns were followed by one extra point. The Waverly-Belmont only threat was to the tune of six points, making the score 13 to 6.

The Cooties have also won two games while losing none. These two victories have been very impressive in that they have been over the varsities of Coopertown and Cumberland. In the Cumberland game, which preceded the West game the Cooties marked up one tally, this a 60-yard run by Ezell on a pass. This was enough to take the game, though, as the score was 7 to 0. The Cooties' other victory was a romp over the Coopertown eleven. The Bees scored in every quarter, with Murdock and Engle looking great. The Coopertown team never threatened and the final score was 33 to 0.

MBA Whips West Eleven In Top Thriller Of Current Season

Reds Stop West Wind



The heavier West team was out-hit and its fleet backs stopped by the small Maroon club. Above shows Bob Mathews, left, Pete Robinson and an unidentified Maroon player, ganging West-vaunted Eddie Lawrence on an attempted end run.

The Cause of It All



COACH ALLEN

Coach Howard Allen MBA Sports Heads for Decade

Coach Howard Allen has been a familiar figure at Montgomery Bell Academy for nine years. In that time Coach has contributed many things to the school including championship football and basketball teams.

Coach Allen started his football career at M. B. A. as a student from 1925 to 1930. Later he played for Murray State College for four years.

Last year he lead the school through a very successful year as headmaster, coach, and business manager. Coach Allen is considered by many as the smartest football coach in Middle Tennessee. He has tutored the Maroon combine of this year to four consecutive victories, including wins over Hillsboro, West, Central, and du Pont. Through his years at M. B. A. he has gained the respect of both students and teachers. His name will go down in the annals of Montgomery Bell history as one of her outstanding sportsmen.

M. B. A. Successful So Far In Keeping Grid Slate Clean

So far this season M. B. A. is undefeated. With Whitson, Inc., with his fine signal calling and Nelson Andrews on the offense; Buddy Hewitt, Alf Adams, and Joe Card with their fine defense, M. B. A. could pull through an undefeated year.

M. B. A. started off the season by mauling Central 41 to 0. Whitson with three touchdowns and Andrews with two, led the offense. All night long Whitson got off on long gains on the off tackle play. Central's offensive standstill was due mostly to Hewitt and Adams.

The next week M. B. A. played Hillsboro, the team that is becoming one of our biggest rivals. M. B. A. came through on top, 25 to 6, with Whitson reeling off long gains and scoring twice, as did Nelson Andrews. Buddy Hewitt did a beautiful job of backing up the line along with the fine help of Joe Card and Alf Adams. Our big loss from this game was Nelson Andrews, who injured his knee.

On the following Friday night the team ventured to Du Pont and avenged the 8-to-0 defeat of last year by hanging up a 27-to-0 victory.

In this game Vaden Lackey switched to blocking back, and Bobby Mathews took over the wing-back spot in beautiful style. Whitson again led the offense with two touchdowns and again, too, did Hewitt and Adams play brilliant defensive games.

FOOTBALL TEAM TO BE GUESTS OF DR. FIELDS

The M. B. A. football team, as a reward for their 14-7 victory over West High, will be the guests of Dr. Fields, team physician, at a hamburger fry at Percy Warner Park at some future date.

Guard: "Halt! Who goes there?"
Rookie: "Aw, you wouldn't know me. I just got here today."

A somewhat tipsy gentleman boarded a two-story bus in Chicago and sat down near the driver. He talked and talked until the driver tactfully suggested that he go up to the top deck to enjoy the fresh air. The drunk amiably clambered upstairs. In a few minutes he was back.

"What's the matter?" asked the driver.

"Didn't you like it up there?"
"Yep, nice view, nice air," answered the drunk. "But it ain't safe—no driver!"

A crowd of 4,000 excited spectators, braving a misting rain, saw the Maroons of M. B. A. defeat West High in a game that was packed with thrills from start to finish. The game was played on a muddy field with eleven fumbles resulting. Three were made by M. B. A. and eight by the Blue Jays.

The West High team concentrated on Alf Whitson, flashy Maroon tailback, but they soon learned that M. B. A. had two other backfield stalwarts in Jimmy Atkinson and Bob Mathews. Atkinson continually ripped gaping holes in the West forward wall, while Mathews made numerous gains by his tricky reverses.

In the first quarter Whitson and Atkinson alternated to carry the ball to the West 1-yard line; from here Atkinson bulled his way over for the first six-pointer. Whitson, slashing over right tackle, made the extra point.

Early in the third quarter the Maroons started their second touchdown drive. Whitson, Mathews, and Atkinson moved the ball from the West 40-yard stripe to the 3. From this point Mathews drove over for the last Maroon score. Atkinson knifed his way through the center of the line for the extra point.

Midway in the final canto the Blue Jays started to roll as they moved the ball to the M. B. A. 16-yard line. Eddie Lawrence, the stellar West High tailback, started over right tackle, cut back and raced to "gay dirt" standing up. Donald Webb's conversion was perfect.

The "Big Red" line, led by Buddy Hewitt and Alf Adams, played spectacular ball against a team that outweighed them 11 pounds to the man.

The boys that "shined" for the losing West combine were Eddie Lawrence, John Donovan, Y. Y. Phillips, Donald Webb, and Jimmy Fite.

M. B. A. (14)	West (7)
Robinson.....L.E.	Webb
Card.....L.T.	Poag
Washington.....L.G.	McWhorter
Adams.....R.G.	B. Phillips
Elam.....R.T.	Y. Y. Phillips
Whiteaker.....R.E.	Fite
Lackey.....R.E.	Mason
Mathews.....W.B.	Cortner
Whitson (c).....T.B.	Lawrence
Atkinson.....T.B.	Donovan

Scores by quarters:
M. B. A. 7 0 7 0
West 0 0 0 7

Scoring touchdowns—M. B. A., Atkinson, Mathews; West, Lawrence.

Extra points—M. B. A., Whitson, Atkinson; West, Webb.
Subs—M. B. A., Purks; West, Shephard, Stigers, Appleton, McCormick.

Trio of Boys First Cheer Leaders in MBA History

For the first time in its athletic history, Montgomery Bell has cheer leaders. Three boys, selected from a group of eight, were elected after try-out before the student body.

The boys selected were Tom Proctor, a senior; Joe Martin, a junior; and George Ruth, a junior. They have already had their baptism of fire in several games, and have shown that they were wisely chosen.

The trio should be especially commended in that they must conceive their own cheers and deliver them without the benefit of previous experience.

The effect that they have on both team and supporters is very noticeable. Unified cheering is found to be much more effective than individual yelling.

These cheerleaders started out more or less as on an experiment, since up to now MBA has had no unified cheering. Several attempts had been made, but these had failed.

Tops In Nashville



AL WHITSON

Mr. Herrbach

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young Herrbach returned home after a year in Paris with his relatives. He finished grammar school where only German was officially spoken, and the French language was outlawed until the return of the French. In September, 1918, he went to a "high school" at Obernai, Alsace, but by the beginning of October the school was starving. Students who distractedly turned their heads in the dining hall would find that their rations had been fished off their plates. The school was closed.

From early 1919 to the end of July, 1920 (in western Europe the school year extends from September until July), young Herrbach finished high school at Freiburg, Switzerland. Here the courses might then be delivered in French from a German text book, or vice versa. From 1920 to 1923 he went to college—at Florennes, Belgium. The student body consisted mostly of French children. The school was directed by Jesuits who early in the century had been expelled by the law banning religions in France.

In 1923 Alsatian friends induced Mr. Herrbach to cross the ocean. He continued his studies and received his A.B. (1929) and M.A. (1930) at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. Through contact with former school friends from Europe, Mr. Herrbach had his first teaching position in 1930 at Hautes-Etudes, Tientsin, China. This Catholic French University, due to sudden prevalence of English in China, needed instructors of English, who could, however, also speak French. Although Mr. Herrbach had become a United States citizen in 1929, he received in China an erroneous summons to serve in the French army. Anxious to keep his United States citizenship, Mr. Herrbach was back in the United States in December, 1930. The French government soon informed him of the error. Mr. Herrbach's deep love for France has never faltered.

Mr. Herrbach likes the teaching career. Until 1935, he taught mathematics besides English and foreign languages. Since 1938 he taught almost exclusively modern and ancient languages. When not engaged in teaching Mr. Herrbach pursues research in Romance languages. He has six brothers in France. Now that France is freed, he hopes to hear from them and his other relatives.

A FRIEND

Al Whitson of Football Fame Month's Personality

The fast-thinking brain which has pulled the 1944 varsity football team out of many a tight spot belongs under the curly peroxide-blond hair of Captain Al Whitson. Whitson, a senior, has been at M. B. A. for three years, having taken his freshman year at West.

A prep school athlete known to all football fans in this part of the state, Al has certainly earned the reputation he carries. Coach Howard Allen says it has been many years since he has had a quarterback like Whitson; and other coaches whose teams have played against confident Al and his crew know that it is no easy matter to down them, despite the fact that the opposing team may have a few extra pounds per man. Al, feeling his responsibility in calling signals, rarely calls the wrong play.

Al's major talent lies in the field of athletics; however, he has always managed to keep up his grades and to participate in extra-curriculum activities. Always a gracious and modest winner, and always a sportsmanlike loser, Al has endeared himself to everyone on the M. B. A. campus especially, and also to others whom he has had contact with, both in athletics and in other fields. Then, too, a keen sense of humor and a pleasant word for all his friends and acquaintances help make him one of the most popular boys in the school.

JOKES

Annabella greeted her young hero, Private Smith, with a look of surprise. "Gracious, where did you get that terrific shiner?" he exclaimed.

"Aw," explained Smith, "I was just saluting that West Point lieutenant of ours this morning when my nose started itching and I scratched it with my thumb."

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Sixth at Union

A detachment of Scotch Highlanders returned to their base in Egypt after a dangerous sortie into German lines. Noses were counted and it was found that Jock McTavish was missing.

"He was fair blown to bits by a bomb," reported one of the party. "Och," mourned Sandy McDermott. "Ya dinna happen to see his head, did ya? He was smoking ma pipe."

An elderly English gentlewoman strolled into a barn where a young man was milking a cow. With a snort she asked, "How is it you are not at the front, young man?"

"Because, madam," answered the milker, "there ain't no milk at that end."

During recent maneuvers in Mississippi, a company filed by an old dorkie who shaded his eyes and watched the troops go by with a broad grin. "Doggone," he cackled, "you all gonna git dem Yankees dis time."

Officer: "You brought me the wrong boots, you idiot. Can't you see that one of them is black and the other one is brown?"

Orderly: "Yes, sir, but your other pair is just the same."

"Well, son, I see you're in the army," said the gimpy old gent. "Done much shooting lately?"

"Won eighty bucks last Saturday," was the proud answer.

Once a man was very curious to know how daybreak came; so he he decided to stay up all night and see. Then all at once it dawned on him.

"Please don't cry, honey," pleaded Boastwain Bolsford, as he awkwardly patted his girl's shoulder. "Honest, I ain't got a girl in every port. I ain't been in every port."

"Have you heard about the roof?" Mary asked her brother.

"No," answered John.

"Of course no," said Mary, "because it's over your head."

"I'm knitting something to make the boys in the service happy." "Oh, a sweater for a soldier?" "No, a bathing suit for me."

Inspecting officer: "Ha, ha, no shave." Recent entrant: "Tee hee, no razor."

"Sir, I'll have you know I'm a West Pointer!"

"Hmph! You look more like an Irish setter to me."

Did you hear what the ceiling said to the wall? "I'll meet you in the corner."

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With Our Alumni

by Bob Lowe, Jr.

It is always good to welcome back our alumni. Last week we had two United States Navy Reserves in our midst, Fred Greve, Jr., and William Dillion III.

Tom Buntin arrived yesterday to spend only two days with home folks. He is on his way to radio school.

Bob Warner, Jr., who is stationed at Auburn, Ala., is home this week on furlough.

Lynn Bramblett was commissioned a second lieutenant Monday and received his navigator's wings in the Army Air Corps at Ellington Field, Texas. He is home this week and will go from here to Lincoln, Neb., to join a crew on a B-29.

In the V-12 program we find a number of our boys. Among them are Elmer Davies and Joe Hutton at the University of the South in Sewanee. We are glad they are close enough to home so we can see more of them. B. K. Hibbitt is in V-12 at the University of Louisiana and Bill McCabe is at Georgia Tech. On his recent visit home he came just in time to bid farewell to his good friend Nelson Bryan, who was leaving the next day for boot camp at Great Lakes. Nelson will later go to a pre-radio school for special training for work which he is so aptly fitted, since radio has been his hobby for a long time.

Out in Denver three M. B. A. boys had a grand reunion. They met while seeking an evening of pleasure at an amusement park, where Glen Gray was playing. Each to his surprise found their former classmates, Billie Leverette, U. S. Army; Sidney McAlister, Radio School, U. S. Army Air Force, and Fred Rowe, Jr., U. S. Medical Corps.

Billy Peek, guard on the Maroon combine of '41, attended the West-M. B. A. game.

Alfred Sharp Jr. left Thursday night for Great Lakes, where he will be reassigned for duty elsewhere.

Bee Hunter is at present in Norfolk; however, he expects to leave soon for the West Coast. Bee is a bombardier on a B-24, which has been converted into a Navy plane. Recently he flew with a crew to Newfoundland.

O'Neal Clayton is in anti-aircraft at El Paso, Texas.

Spencer Strowd, A. S. T. R. P., is at Davidson College in Davidson, N. C.

Clifton Greer is now at Camp Barkley, Texas, learning how to help take care of Uncle Sam's wounded.

Miller Robinson, Jr., is a cadet at West Point. His medical career at Vanderbilt was interrupted by an appointment to the Academy. He left us a year ago last June.

We are happy to report Sergeant Cecil Sims Jr., who was wounded in France during the invasion, has fully recovered. He is again on active duty in the European theater of war.

Madison Jones, M. B. A. center of '41, is center on Vanderbilt's informal team.

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